

If any issues remain to be addressed in this matter, which might be resolved by discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP COPY OF PARAGRAPHS, AS AMENDED

Replacement for second full paragraph at page 19, lines 6-10:

Methods for the preparation of the ammonium polymers (i.e., where M in formula II above is nitrogen), related copolymers and the related starting materials are disclosed in Jones et al., Journal of Polymer Science, 25, 201 1957 [(1958)]; in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,780,604; 3,178,396; 3,770,439; 4,308,335; 4,340,522; 4,424,326 and in German Offenlegungsschrift 2,447,611.